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1. PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR K10 MILLION NATURAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY GRANT WAS SIGNED IN LATE NOVEMBER. WE EXPECT DISBURSEMENTS ON THIS PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED DURING FY 75. FYI AID-SUPPORTED DESIGN AND INSPECTORATE OFFICE AT UNIVERSITY PROJECT SITE WILL CLOSE DECEMBER 31, WITH REMAINING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TRANSFERRED AS GRANT-IN-AID TO GUB.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE MOST EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING POSSIBLE FOR K2 MILLION POLYMER RESEARCH LABORATORY GRANT. IF WE RECEIVE APPROVAL FOR GRANT SHORTLY, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DISBURSE BULK OF FUNDS IN FY 75.

3. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM GUB A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL KYAT GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CENTRAL SCIENCE LIBRARY AT CENTRAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION. DETAILED PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND PLANS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY APPROVED BY A COLOMBO PLAN (BRITISH) LIBRARY ADVISOR AND THAT HE HAS ENDORSED GUB CONCEPT. SUBJECT TO REVIEW OF PLANS AND ADVISOR'S REPORT, WE ARE GENERALLY FAVORABLE TO PROJECT AND EXPECT TO SEEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON APPROVAL BEFORE END OF FY 75.

4. BEYOND LIBRARY, WE HAVE HAD NO DISCUSSIONS WITH GUB ON OTHER POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR USE OF LOCAL CURRENCY FUNDS. ONE POSSIBILITY WHICH HAS OCCURRED TO US, BUT WHICH WE HAVE NATURALLY NOT DISCUSSED WITH GUB, WOULD BE A MODEST GRANT USING NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS FOR AN APPROPRIATE RESEARCH OR TREATMENT FACILITY (REFS B AND C), COMBINED WITH A KYAT GRANT FOR LOCAL CURRENCY CONSTRUCTION COSTS.
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